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FOR ALLARD LOWENSTEIN

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM GENEVA DATED MARCH 14, 1977 SENT
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1. WEEK-END TRIBUNE DE GENEVA DEVOTES ENTIRE TOP HALF OF
PAGE 2 TO JUST-CONCLUDED SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH DELEGATION CHIEF ALLARD E. LOWENSTEIN,
TRIBUNE'S ANDRE NAEF MAKES THE FOLLOWING POINTS, AMONG OTHERS:

3. QUOTE: THE 33RD SESSION OF THE U.N.'S COMMISSION ON HUMAN
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RIGHTS WAS DOMINATED BY A MAN WHO WAS NOT EVEN IN GENEVA AND
WHO MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED BY CERTAIN OF ITS DEVELOPMENTS:
JIMMY CARTER. THIS CONFERENCE, WHICH CLOSED YESTERDAY, IN FACT
CONSTITUTED THE TRIAL BY FIRE OF THE NEW AMERICAN DIPLOMACY:
EVEN IF ITS RESULTS WERE UNEVEN, INDEED CIRCUMSCRIBED, RARELY
HAS A SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BEEN SO LIVELY AND ANIMATED.

4. QUOTE: EMERGING A BIT FROM THE DUSTINESS AND LACK OF REALISM WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED IT, THE COMMISSION HAS EXPANDED ITS HORIZON: THIS YEAR, ONE DID NOT TALK ONLY ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA, CHILE AND ISRAEL, BUT ALSO -- TIMIDLY AND BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, TO BE SURE -- ABOUT UGANDA AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT SOVIET DISSIDENTS. . .

5. QUOTE: (HAVING SAID THIS,) THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION EMERGED RATHER ABLY FROM THIS FIRST PASSAGE AT ARMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. IN SUGGESTING THE SENDING OF A TELEGRAM TO MOSCOW, IT OBTAINED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE U.N. COMMISSION THAT ONE SPOKE FOR TWO DAYS ABOUT SOVIET DISSIDENTS. THEN, BY ABANDONING THE DEMAND FOR A VOTE ON ITS PROPOSAL -- AS SOUGHT BY MR. ZORIN -- IT (THE ADMINISTRATION) PLACED ITSELF IN THE GOOD GRACES OF SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED NATIONS WHICH SAW THEMSELVES FACED WITH AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS. THE FILE ON THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION REMAINS NONETHELESS OPEN AND THE U.S. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO IT DURING THE NEXT SESSION. . .

6. QUOTE: AS FOR THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THEY SHOULD BE POSITIVE AT A MOMENT WHEN, AS ITS YUGOSLAV CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER BOZOVIC REMARKS, THIS ORGANISM INNER QUOTE FINDS ITSELF AT A TURNING POINT WHICH FORCES US TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY WHERE WE ARE GOING AND HOW CLOSE INNER QUOTE. HE ADDS -- WITH A PINCH OF OPTIMISM, IF ONE CONSIDERS THE EMBARRASSED DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO UGANDA: INNER QUOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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NO DELEGATION, FACED WITH INSTANCES OF MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, DARES TODAY TO OPT FOR INACTION CLOSE INNER QUOTE CLOSE QUOTE.

7. IN A REPORT ON LOWENSTEIN'S LUNCHEON SPEECH BEFORE THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB MARCH 11, THE TRIBUNE'S ALEXANDRE BRUGGMANN CONCLUDES:

8. QUOTE: ONE IS OBLIGED TO THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CLUB FOR HAVING PERMITTED ONE TO MEET A FINE AND SPIRITUAL LAWYER WHOSE FIRST DIPLOMATIC MISSION REFLECTS TO A PERFECTION THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. END QUOTE. HAFREY UNQUOTE VANCE

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